

## Problems: Section 0.1

- Display all subsets of
  - the set  $S = \{x, y, z\}$ ;
  - the set  $\{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ .
- Display the powerset of the powerset of  $\{a\}$ .
- Describe in English each of the following sets.
  - $\{m \mid m = 2n \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .
  - $\{s \mid s = n^2 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}^+\}$ .
  - $\{q \mid q = mn \text{ for some } m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m, n > 1\}$ .
- Use set builder notation to describe the set of
  - all odd numbers between 100 and 200;
  - all points on the graph of the function  $y = x^2$ .
- Let  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\mathbb{Q}$  be as defined in the text. Let  $E$  be the set of even integers and  $F$  the set of integers divisible by 5. (Note that  $0, -5 \in F$ .) Use set operators to name the set of
  - positive integers divisible by 5;
  - even integers divisible by 5;
  - nonintegral rational numbers;
  - integers divisible by 10;
  - positive integers divisible by 10;
  - odd positive integers;
  - odd negative integers;
  - nonpositive integers;
  - negative integers;
  - ordered pairs, where the first entry is even and the second odd.
- Let  $R = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $S = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ , and  $T = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ . Compute:
  - $R \cup S$ ,  $R \cup T$ , and  $S \cup T$ .
  - $R \cap S$ ,  $R \cap T$ , and  $S \cap T$ .
  - $R - S$ ,  $R - T$ , and  $S - T$ .
  - the complements of  $R$ ,  $S$ , and  $T$  assuming the universe is the set of all integers from 1 to 10.
  - $R \cap S \cup T$ .
  - $R - S \cap T$ .
  - $R - S \cap T - S$ .
  - $R \cap S \cap T$ .
- (a)–(h) Draw Venn diagrams to illustrate each of the expressions in [6].
- List all the elements of  $\{b, c, d\} \times \{e, o\}$ .
- Is the Cartesian product commutative? That is, is  $S \times T$  the same as  $T \times S$ ? Why?
- Let  $R$ ,  $S$ , and  $T$  be sets and let  $U$  denote the universe. Prove the following equalities using for each either a logical argument in English or a Venn diagram.
  - $U - R =$  the complement of  $R$ .
  - $R - (S \cup T) = (R - S) \cap (R - T)$ .
  - $R - (S \cap T) = (R - S) \cup (R - T)$ .
  - $R \cap (S - R) = \emptyset$ .
- If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , what does that tell you about  $|A \cup B|$ ?
- If  $A \subset B$ , what does that tell you about  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cup B$ ?
- If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $B \cap C = \emptyset$ , what does that tell you about  $A \cap C$ ?
- If  $A \cup B = D$ , must  $D - B = A$ ? If not, what can you conclude if  $A \cup B = D$  and  $D - B = A$ ?
- If  $A \subset S$  and  $B \subset S$ , what can you say about  $A \cup B$ ?
- If  $|A| = m$ ,  $|B| = n$ , and  $m \geq n$ , what is the least  $|A \cup B|$  can be? The most?
- Consider  $|A \cap B|$  and answer the questions posed in [16].
- Find the cardinality of the set
 
$$S = \{p/q \mid p, q \in \mathbb{N}^+, p, q \leq 10\}.$$
- Starting from the definition that  $A \cup B$  is the set of all things which are in at least one of  $A$  and  $B$ , give an argument in English why  $(X \cup Y) \cup Z$  means the set of all things which are in at least one of  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ . (Hint: Begin by using the definition to get a complicated English sentence describing  $(X \cup Y) \cup Z$  and then use your understanding of English to simplify the sentence.)
- a) Using the same method as in [19], show that  $X \cup (Y \cup Z)$  is also the set of all things in at least one of  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ . Thus set union is associative. (By induction—see Chapter 2—we could go on and prove that parentheses make no difference when unioning  $n$  sets: Any order gives the set of things which are in at least one of the  $n$  sets.)  
b) Similarly, show that intersection is associative.